

Program C: Motor Carrier Regulation

Program Authorization: R.S. 45:162-180; R.S. 45:1161 et seq.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Motor Carrier Registration Program is:

- to provide fair and impartial regulation of the intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire; and
- to be responsible for the regulation of the financial responsibility and lawfulness of interstate motor carriers operating into or through Louisiana interstate commerce.

The goals of the Motor Carrier Registration Program are:

1. Provide fair and equal treatment in the application and enforcement of motor carrier laws.
2. Administer the rules and orders of the Public Service Commission to assure the public of safe and dependable transportation services.
3. Protect the consumer and carriers against unjust, unreasonable, and discriminatory rates and charges.
4. Enhance consistency in interpretation, application, and enforcement of regulatory/administrative functions.
5. Ensure compliance with established tariffs and rates.
6. Provide more effective enforcement activities to improve carrier compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Motor Carrier Program (organizationally expressed as the Motor Carrier Division) includes the following activities: Administrative Section and Enforcement Section.

The Administrative Section processes the paperwork necessary for a company to engage legally in transportation services within and through the state. It receives, examines, and docket applications for operating rights, changes in rules or regulations, discontinuance or changes in service or facilities; processes other matters requiring a hearing; and interprets operating authorities and offers advice to those seeking to engage in transportation services. This section also is responsible for analyzing and reporting cases to the commission before and after hearings; preparing orders after a decision by the commission; serving orders and compliance; and offering specialized testimony before the commission or court. The section maintains records of liability and cargo insurance on interstate and intrastate common and contract-for-hire motor carriers and receives and processes complaints made by shippers, receivers, and carriers.

The Enforcement Section (which operates in the field, statewide) is concerned with compliance regarding the rates, services, and practices of motor carriers operating in, to, and through Louisiana in intrastate or interstate commerce. Enforcement officers work at highway weigh scales and conduct road checks along the highway. When violations are detected, a violation ticket is issued and an appearance bond is collected. The officer appears at hearings and gives sworn testimony regarding violations. Complaints received from carriers regarding possible violations by another carrier are handled by these officers.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2000-2001. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicator values are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year (the fiscal year of the budget document).

The objectives and performance indicators that appear below are associated with program funding in the Base Executive Budget for FY 2000-01. Specific information on program funding is presented in the financial sections that follow performance tables.

1. (KEY) To provide timely service to the motor carrier industry by processing 100% of insurance filings and Single State Registration System (SSRS) applications within the day of receipt of complete information.

Strategic Link: Strategic Objective: To "process all insurance filings within five working days of receipt."

LEVEL	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1998-1999	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 1998-1999	ACT 10 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2000-2001	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2000-2001
K	Percentage of filings and SSRS applications processed within day	Not applicable ¹	100%	Not applicable ¹	Not applicable ¹	100%	100%
S	Number of filings received	12,500	8,114 ²	11,500	11,500 ³	8,000	8,000
S	Number of SSRS applications received	860	1,180 ⁴	1,050	1,050	1,200	1,200
S	Amount of SSRS collections	Not applicable ¹	\$4,775,460	\$4,856,493	\$4,856,493	\$4,950,000	\$4,950,000

¹ This indicator was not adopted as a standard in the year indicated.

² The program reports that confusion in the charter bus industry relative to requirements for filing resulted in lower numbers.

³ The program now estimates this figure will be approximately 6,600.

⁴ An unanticipated increase in the number of owner-operated carriers resulted in this actual performance figure.

2. (KEY) To reduce the rate of violation of motor carrier laws and regulations to 12% of vehicles inspected.

Strategic Link: Strategic Objective: To "perform a minimum of 45,000 vehicle inspections annually and issue violation notices to those not in compliance."

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		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1998-1999	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 1998-1999	ACT 10 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2000-2001	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2000-2001
K	Percentage of inspections that result in violations	Not applicable ¹	14.7%	13.0%	13.0%	12.0%	12.0%
K	Number of inspections performed	57,968	44,885	51,000	51,000	47,000	47,000

¹ This indicator was not adopted as a standard in the year indicated.

² In FY 1998-99 there were 15 inspection officers located across the state. Beginning in 1999-2000, there were 17.

3. (KEY) To conduct 200 inspections on customer owned coin operated telephones to ensure the public is receiving quality service.

Explanatory Note: The regulation of these telephones was suspended by the Commission in October, 1998 after it was discovered that the regulations were inflexible regarding the setting of fines.

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K	Number of inspections conducted	Not applicable ¹	65 ²	Not applicable ¹	Not applicable ¹	200	200
K	Percentage of inspections resulting in violations	Not applicable ¹	21.5%	Not applicable ¹	Not applicable ¹	20.0%	20.0%

¹ This indicator was not adopted as a standard in the year indicated.

² This activity was only conducted during four months before these inspections were suspended by the Commission .

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 1998-1999	ACT 10 1999- 2000	EXISTING 1999- 2000	CONTINUATION 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	1,003,678	1,196,103	1,196,103	1,230,097	1,149,638	(46,465)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$1,003,678	\$1,196,103	\$1,196,103	\$1,230,097	\$1,149,638	(46,465)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$622,271	\$731,854	\$731,854	\$771,158	\$717,202	(\$14,652)
Other Compensation	8,083	12,200	12,200	12,200	12,200	0
Related Benefits	110,883	141,296	143,336	146,947	146,341	3,005
Total Operating Expenses	208,184	221,465	222,465	226,894	217,445	(5,020)
Professional Services	7,500	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	0	19,488	16,448	16,448	0	(16,448)
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	46,757	69,800	69,800	56,450	56,450	(13,350)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$1,003,678	\$1,196,103	\$1,196,103	\$1,230,097	\$1,149,638	(46,465)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	25	26	26	26	26	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	25	26	26	26	26	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded from Statutory Dedications generated from inspection and supervision fees paid by common carriers and contract carriers. Additionally, various fees such as fines, filing fees, I.D. stamps, rehearing applications, registration fees, etc. are collected by the Public Service Commission for administering this program. (Per R.S. 39:32B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated Fund.)

	ACTUAL 1998-1999	ACT 10 1999- 2000	EXISTING 1999- 2000	CONTINUATION 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
Motor Carrier Regulation Fund	\$1,003,678	\$1,196,103	\$1,196,103	\$1,230,097	\$1,149,638	(\$46,465)

ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATION

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$1,196,103	26	ACT 10 FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$1,196,103	26	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET – December 3, 1999
\$0	\$31,999	0	Annualization of FY 1999-2000 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$14,984	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2000-2001
\$0	\$56,450	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$69,800)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$63,650)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$16,448)	0	Other Adjustments - Elimination of funding for Y2K preparedness
\$0	\$1,149,638	26	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$0	\$1,149,638	26	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON SALES TAX RENEWAL:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON SALES TAX RENEWAL

			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$0	\$1,149,638	26	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

The total means of financing for this program is recommended at 96.1% of the existing operating budget. It represents 96.9% of the total request (\$1,186,619) for this program. At the recommended level of funding, approximately the same level of services should be provided by this program.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This Program does not have funding for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

OTHER CHARGES

This Program does not have funding for Other Charges for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$2,450	Replacement of various outdated data processing and office equipment
\$54,000	Three replacement vehicles with high mileage
\$56,450	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS